

The Combat-Ready Christian



“take unto you the whole armour of God”

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- ❧ *Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*
- ❧ We are in a serious battle and we are the main strike force
- ❧ God has given us everything we need to win
- ❧ We require a desire to win and the right mindset
- ❧ *2Ti_1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
- ❧ We begin by getting a strong hold on our minds and emotions so we are not ruled by fear in a crisis
- ❧ Where panic and unbelief causes many to fail, we will overcome

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- ❧ We begin by getting a strong hold on our minds and emotions so we are not ruled by fear in a crisis
- ❧ While negativity causes many to create their own negative future, we will be out winning the war!
- ❧ Crisis WILL COME, rain, floods, wind and we will be ready!
 - ❧ Rain will be annoying and test our perseverance
 - ❧ Waves will make us feel overwhelmed
 - ❧ Wind will test what we have built
- ❧ Because we are not surprised at crisis and are poised to face these challenges, we will have the foundation in our hearts to overcome!

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- ❧ Next, we must understand the Lord's preparation
- ❧ *1Pe 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*
- ❧ *1Pe 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*
- ❧ *1Pe 1:20 He indeed was foreordained before the **foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you*
- ❧ *1Pe 1:21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*
- ❧ God knew this day would come and prepared from the start

Adopted



- ❧ We have our preparation and the Lord has His. The Lord's preparation is a big part of who we are as Christians.
- ❧ You have been adopted into the family of God.
- ❧ *Rom 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
- ❧ *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*
- ❧ *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

Adopted



- ❧ You are an heir to the household of God
- ❧ *Rom 8:17 and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*
- ❧ We share in His name
- ❧ We share in His Spirit
- ❧ We share in His authority
- ❧ We share in His power
- ❧ We share in His counsel

The Name of Jesus



- ❧ *Php 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*
- ❧ *Php 2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*
- ❧ *Php 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*
- ❧ *Php 2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*
- ❧ **There is authority and power in the name of Jesus.**

The Name of Jesus



- ❧ *Joh 16:26-27 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; **for the Father Himself loves you**, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.*
- ❧ *Joh 16:23-24 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you **ask the Father in My name** He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*
- ❧ *The name of Jesus is not a store coupon, but as adopted children, we have the right to ask in His name and expect an answer.*
- ❧ *Jas_4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*

The Name of Jesus



- ❧ We have authority in the Name of Jesus
- ❧ *Luk 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*
- ❧ *Luk 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."*
- ❧ *Luk 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*
- ❧ *Luk 10:20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

The Name of Jesus



- ❧ We have answers in the Name of Jesus
- ❧ *Joh 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*
- ❧ *Joh 14:13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*
- ❧ There is Power in the name of Jesus
 - ❧ *Act 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"*
 - ❧ *Act 19:16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*

Sharing in the Name of Jesus



- ❧ We share, not just in the power and authority, we share in the Spirit and the counsel of the Lord
- ❧ *Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*
- ❧ *Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors – not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*

Sharing in the same Spirit



- ❧ *Joh_12:49 For I have **not** spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.*
- ❧ *Mar_13:11 But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the **Holy Spirit**.*
- ❧ *Mat 17:20 ... I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

Sharing in the same Spirit



- ❧ *Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another** Helper, that He may abide with you forever –*
- ❧ *Joh 14:17 the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*
- ❧ *Joh 16:13 However, when He, the **Spirit** of truth, has come, He will guide you into **all** truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*
- ❧ *Joh 16:14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is **Mine** and declare it to **you**.*

Sharing in the same Spirit



- ❧ *Joh 16:15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to **you**.*
- ❧ *Joh 17:15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should **keep** them from the evil one.*
- ❧ *Joh 17:17 **Sanctify** them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*
- ❧ *Joh 17:22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given **them**, that they may be one just as We are one:*
- ❧ *These are all things that we have in Jesus*

Sharing in the Victory



- ❧ Rom 8:28 *And we know that **all things** work together for **good** to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*
- ❧ Rom 8:29 *For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
- ❧ Rom 8:30 *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

Sharing in the Victory



- ❧ Rom 8:31 *What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?***
- ❧ Rom 8:32 *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us **all things?***
- ❧ Rom 8:33 ***Who** shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.*
- ❧ Rom 8:34 ***Who** is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*

Sharing in the Victory



- ❧ *Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*
- ❧ *Rom 8:36 As it is written: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER."*
- ❧ Crisis will come and go
- ❧ Testing will come and go
- ❧ Persecution will come and go
- ❧ Yet in the midst of it all, **we still have the victory!**
- ❧ We can weather every storm and still move forward!

Sharing in the Victory



- ❧ *Rom 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*
- ❧ *Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,*
- ❧ *Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- ❧ *Now you know a “little bit” about who you are as a child of God. You have the Spirit of God, the Name of Jesus plus the power, healing, authority and victory in that name.*
- ❧ *You are, an overcomer!*